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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TOMOKO MAEDA, ET AL. : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO: 10/691,654 :
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FOR: METHODS FOR ISOLATION OF :
OSTEOCLAST PRECURSOR CELLS AND
INDUCING THEIR DIFFERENTIATION
INTO OSTEOCLASTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed August 8, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Disclosure appear on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on page 3 of this paper.

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the original Sequence Listing which appears after page 25 of the disclosure with the attached paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing.